notes as he considers proper. Such office notes are treated confidential, and cannot therefore, be disclosed.

(d) and (e). Vide answer (c).

(f) He was warned.

A Sub-Inspector's vacancy.

386. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government have recently issued an order that qualified members of the depressed classes should be given preference to others in filling up future vacancies;

(b) whether a vacancy of a Sub-Inspector's place did arise in the Police Department since the issue of the above order, when Mr. K. Krishna Menon, the Chittur Sub-Inspector took leave;

(c) whether there was any application from a qualified member of the depressed classes for the place;

(d) whether the Government order mentioned in sub-section (a) was respected by the Head of the Department concerned, in filling up the above vacancy;

(e) if the answer to sub-section (d) be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to assign reasons for the same?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) and (e). The question does not arise in view of the answer to (c) above.

The Chitrapuzha-Karingochira canal scheme.

387. **Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state at what state the Chitrapuzha-Karingochira backwater-drainage-canal scheme stands now, and whether the poor ryots can hope to have the benefit of the canal at an early date?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 253.

Bund for the protection of Kari niloms in Amballur.

388. **Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the scheme of constructing a bund for the protection of the *Kari nilams* in Amballur and Kanjiramittam villages now stands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Travancore Government was addressed as to whether they would view the scheme favourably. It is understood that their investigations are not complete. Their reply is awaited.

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